Vision Mission Values

VISION:

"All Idahoans participate as equal members of society, empowered to reach their full potential as responsible and contributing citizens of their communities."

MISSION:

The mission of the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities is to promote the capacity of people with developmental disabilities and their families to determine, access, and direct the services and/or supports they need to live the lives they choose, and to build the communities' ability to support their choices.

VALUES:

Independence ~ Respect
Participation ~ Integration
Partnership ~ Responsibility
Equality ~ Quality of Life
Choice ~ Inclusion

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What is the Council on Developmental Disabilities?

The Council is authorized under state and federal law to:

- Provide public education and awareness about developmental disabilities,
- Promote quality in services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families
- Monitor and evaluate policies, plans and services provided by public agencies for people with developmental disabilities,
- Represent the concerns of people with developmental disabilities and their families to elected officials and public agencies,
- Encourage citizen participation in public policy making; and
- Promote innovative programs and projects through grants and contracts.

Who Serves on the Council?

The Council is composed of 23 Governor-appointed volunteers, including people with developmental disabilities, family members, and representatives of public agencies and private organizations that serve people with developmental disabilities. At least 60% of the Council must be consumers of developmental disability services or family members.



Council Activities and Accomplishments

Every five years, the Council develops a plan to guide its work. The plan is based on public input and reflects the primary concerns and issues that have been identified. Recent efforts by the Council include, but are not limited to:

- Promoting employment of people with disabilities through various strategies
- Recruitment and training of a Self Advocate Leadership Network composed of teams in all regions of the state
- Partners in Policymaking—a leadership training program for people with developmental disabilities and parents of young children with developmental disabilities

- Collaboration with Medicaid to develop a self-directed service option for adults with developmental disabilities
- Determined to Vote a collaboration with the Idaho Secretary of State to increase awareness of voting rights for people with disabilities and elders.
- Support training for direct support staff
- Support for a Youth Leadership Forum to build the leadership skills of high school students with developmental disabilities
- Support for universally accessible playgrounds
- Support for home ownership for people with disabilities through Opening Doors, Inc.



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